(b) IREDA provides loans upto 80 per cent of the project cost.with a repayment period of upto 10 years, after commissioning of the project. The interest rate charged by IREDA varies between 5 and 12 per cent, depending upon the nature of the project. The lending norms of other financial institutions/banks are governed by the prevailing market conditions and are more or less similar to those of IREDA.

T and D losses in Andhra Pradesh

2370. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of electricity lost in transmission and distribution during the last one and half year in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the estimated loss in terms of rupees due to this transmission loss?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, the quantum of energy lost in transmission and distribution in terms of Million Unit (MU), percentage (%) and Rupees during last one and half year and Andhra Pradesh is as shown below:—

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	2004-05	2005-06 (April to September)
1.	Energy lost	MU	10953.45	4973.48
2.	Transmission and distribution loss	%	21.42	19.80
3.	Total Estimated loss	Rs. In Crores	1897.14	843.20

Creation of a chain of power stations

2371. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on a comprehensive scheme to create a chain of power stations along the Indian coast;